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In re Application of

CHANDRASIRI, et al.

U.S. Application No.: 10/580,297

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Int. Filing Date: 05 November 2004

Priority Date: 19 November 2003

Attorney Docket No.: 16458.7

For: NETWORKS

DECISION ON RENEWED

PETITION UNDER

37 CFR 1.47(a)

This decision is in response to the applicant's "REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)" filed 05 June 2008 in the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO).

BACKGROUND

On 05 November 2007, applicant was mailed a decision dismissing applicant's petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) to accept the application without the signature of joint inventor Pubudu Chandrasiri. Applicant was afforded two months to file a renewed petition.

On 05 June 2008, applicant filed the renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) discussed herein accompanied by a petition for a five-month extension of time and payment of the appropriate extension of time fee. The response is therefore considered timely filed.

DISCUSSION

As detailed in the decision mailed 05 November 2007, a petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) must be accompanied by (1) the fee under 37 CFR 1.17(g), (2) factual proof that the missing joint investor refuses to execute the application or cannot be reached after diligent effort, (3) a statement of the last known address of the missing inventor, and (4) an oath or declaration by each 37 CFR 1.47(a) applicant on his or her own behalf and on behalf of the non-signing joint inventor. Applicant previously satisfied items 1 and 3.

With the filing of the present renewed petition and supporting documentation, applicant has satisfied all of the concerns raised in the decision of 05 November 2007 and it is proper to grant applicant's renewed petition at this time. Specifically, applicant has provided evidence of the diligent effort to locate the non-signing inventor in the form of a firsthand statement of the efforts, as well as, the results of internet searches. In addition, applicant has presently provided a series of compliant declarations executed by the remaining inventors on their own behalf and on

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behalf of joint inventor Pubudu Chandrasiri.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons discussed above, applicant's renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) is **GRANTED**.

The application has an international filing date of 05 November 2004 under 35 U.S.C. 363, and will be given a date of **05 June 2008** under 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1), (c)(2) and (c)(4).

As provided in 37 CFR 1.47(c), a notice of the filing of this application will be forwarded to the non-signing inventors at their last known addresses of record. A notice of the filing of the application under 37 CFR 1.47(a) will be published in the Official Gazette.

This application is being returned to the DO/EO/US for processing in accordance with this decision.

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Dear Mr. Chandrasiri:

You are named as an inventor in the above identified United States patent application, filed under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.47(a) and 35 U.S.C. 116. Should a patent be granted, you will be designated as an inventor. As a named inventor, you are entitled to inspect any paper in the file wrapper of the application, order copies of all or any part thereof (at a prepaid cost per 37 CFR 1.19) or to make your position of record in the application. Alternately, you may arrange to do any of the preceding through a registered patent agent or attorney presenting written authorization from you. If you care to join in the application, the law firm of record (see below) would presumably assist you. Joining in the application would entail the filing of the appropriate oath or declaration by you pursuant to 37 CFR 1.63.

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